

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues.

Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:56 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3034.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget re-

quest for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

### AL-SHABAAB RECRUITMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on al-Shabaab recruitment in the United States, after receiving testimony from Philip Mudd, Associate Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Andrew Liepman, Deputy Director of Intelligence, National Counterterrorism Center, Directorate of Intelligence; Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, NC; and Abdirahman Mukhtar, Brian Coyle Center of Pillsbury United Communities, and Osman Ahmed, both of Minneapolis, MN.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine voter registration, focusing on assessing current problems, after receiving testimony from Chris Nelson, South Dakota Secretary of State, Pierre; Stephen Ansolabehere, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Curtis Gans, Center for the Study of the American Electorate, Kristen Clarke, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., and Jonah H. Goldman, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, all of Washington, DC; and Nathaniel Persily, Columbia Law School, New York, NY.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 1426–1453; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 236, were introduced. Pages H3337–38

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H3338

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 235, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1262) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds (H. Rept. 111–36). Pages H3329–30

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3147

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures:

*Recognizing and commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and Cornell University:* H. Res. 67, to recognize and commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and